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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 1926

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SUBJECT: SUMMIT AFTERMATH: CONTINUED UNHAPPINESS

REF: CAIRO 1891

1. SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO EXPRESS VARIOUS
FORMS OF DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NINOX/ BREZHNEV SUMMIT.
PARALLEL THEME IS INCREASE OF ANTI- SOVIET CRITICISM.
END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 26 AND 27 PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE MAJOR
SPACE TO RESULTS OF NIXON/ BREZHNEV SUMMIT. JUNE 26
NEWSPAPERS GENERALLY EMPHASIZED THESIS THAT, FROM
EGYPTIN POINT OF VIEW, NOTHING HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY
SUMMIT. AKHBAR NOTED THAT 89 - WORD PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE
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OM ME ISSUE, REPRESENTING ONLY TWO AND ONE- HALF PERCENT OF TOTAL DOCUMENT, SYMBOLIZED SECONDARY IMPORTANCE OF ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT IN VIEW OF SUPERPOWERS.

2. JUNE 27 PRESS NOTES INTENSE GOE INTEREST IN TEXT AND INTERPRETATION OF COMMUNIQUE. AHRAH CARRIES ITEM ON FRONT PAGE NOTING THAT IT HAD " LEARNED THAT OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO ARE STUDYING CAREFULLY THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE... OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE ESPECIALLY INTENT ON ME PORTION, WHICH INDICATES THAT EACH SIDE ' HAD SIMPLIFIED ITS POSITION.'"

3. ALL THREE CAIRO DAILIES CONTINUE TO EDITORIALIZE ON MEANING OF DETENTE IN GENERAL AND SUMMIT IN PARTICULAR, AND AKHBAR CONTAINS MAJOR ARTICLE BY MUSA SABRI MORE OR LESS PUTTING US AND SOVIET UNION IN SAME BOAT. SABRI' S THESIS IS THAT (A) ME IS NO LONGER AREA OF COLD WAR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN US AND USSR; (B) SOVIETS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY WILL ONLY WORK FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ME CRISIS; (C) SOVIETS COULD NOT ALTER US POSITION OF FULL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, NOR WILL THEY ALTER THEIR OWN LIMITED SUPPORT FOR ARABS; (D) ARABS MUST THEREFORE DEVELOP THEIR OWN CAPABILITIES TO FACE A LONG AND PROTRACTED STRUGGLE TO REGAIN LANDS.

4. SABRI' S ARTICLE IS MARKED BY TONE OF BITTERNESS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE DIRECTED MORE AT SOVIET UNION THAN AT US. THIS IS PARALLELED BY TONE OF OTHER PRESS ARTICLES AND BY POLITICAL CARTOON IN AHRAH, WHICH PORTRAYS EGYPTIAN PEOPLE NOTING IRONICALLY TO BREZHNEV THAT HE WILL HAVE TO PLEASE ZIONISM IF HE IS TO OBTAIN US ASSISTANCE.
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